(c) A number of measures are being undertaken to step up offtake of foodgrains from the Central Pool under TPDS and other Welfare Schemes by way of fixing attractive CIPs, increase in the scale of allocations to households and liberal allocations under the foodgrains based work related programmes. Offtake under other schemes such as the Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) and Exports is also encouraged.

Food Stock in Private and Government godowns

†1229. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that wheat and rice is stored in Government and private godowns after procuring from producers;

(b) if so, the quantity of foodgrains stored in Government godowns and private godowns at the end of March, 2003; and

(c) storage capacity of Government and private godowns under the Food Corporation of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As on 31st March, 2003, the storage capacity available with the Food Corporation of India (FCI) (both covered and CAP) was 150.86 lakh tonnes (Owned) and 166.48 lakh tonnes (Hired). The total quantity of foodgrains stored therein was 186.35 lakh tonnes (provisional). The details are as under:—

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(Figures in lakh MTs)

	Capacity	Stocks
Covered		
Owned	128.18	66.08
Hired from:		
State Government	13.33	10.17
Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC)	20.89	17.38
State Warehousing Corporations (SWCs)	73.50	60.87
Private parties	29.98	21.79
TOTAL	265.88	176.29
CAP		
Owned	22.68	3.30
Hired from:		
CWC	1.11	0.49
SWC	2.45	0.82
Private parties	25.22	5.45
TOTAL	51.46	10.06
Grand Total (Covered & CAP)	317.34	186.35

Sale of foodgrain under PDS

†1230. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether wheat and rice is sold to the customers under Public Distribution System;

(b) if so, the quantity of wheat and rice sold to the customers below the poverty line and those above the poverty line separately during the year 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03; and

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